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WASHINGTON PASS COMMERCE (MARITIME ADMINISTRATION)

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TAGS: AORG ETRN ECAFE PRC

SUBJECT: PRC AND ECAFE CONTAINERIZATION SEMINAR

1. CONGEN HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ECAFE SECRETARIATE IS SEEKING TO SEND A ROVING CONTAINERIZATION SEMINAR TO COUNTRIES IN THE ECAFE REGION TOWARD THE END OF 1973. CONGEN ALSO INFORMED THAT AT LEAST ONE U. S. FIRM (SEA LAND) HAS INDICATED TO WASHINGTON OFFICIALS THAT IT IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS SEMINAR WITH TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE ON NON- REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

2. SEVERAL LOCAL REPS OF U. S. SHIPPING LINES HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN OPENING SERVICE TO CHINESE PORTS, AND ONE (SEA LAND) HAS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD NOW BE APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER APPROACH TO PRC THROUGH THIS ECAFE SEMINAR.

3. VISIT OF PRC SHIPPING OFFICIALS FROM HONG KONG TO U. S. LAST MONTH (HK 3865) AND MARITIME AGREEMENT SIGNED BY GREEKS IN PEKING ON MAY 23 (ATHENS3259) ARE AMONG RECENT
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DEVELOPMENTS INDICATING GROWING PRC INTEREST IN EXPANDING SHIPPING LINKS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES. APPROACH TO PRC RE ECAFE SEMINAR COULD SERVE TO OBTAIN BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF PRC CAPABILITIES AND ASSESS ITS INTEREST IN CONTAINER FACILITIES, AND MIGHT FACILITATE EVENTUAL OPENING OF PRC TO U. S. SHIPPING FIRMS.

4. CONGEN THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY BANGKOK BE AUTHORIZED TO APPROACH ECAFE SUGGESTING THAT PRC BE INVITED TO JOIN ECAFE SEMINAR IN ITS SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO PORTS IN THIS AREA, AND/ OR TO INVITE DELEGATION TO VISIT ONE OR MORE PORTS IN THE PRC.
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